

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE VOL- UNTEERISM OF PUERTO RICO'S WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT LEADERS

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 16, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless local leaders of Puerto Rico's Wounded Warrior Project and the contributions they make toward improving the lives of active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.

The Wounded Warrior Project was founded in 2003 with a unique, non-partisan mission: to support those who have borne the cost of war, whether their injury be physical or mental. Nowhere are these services needed more than Puerto Rico, where servicemembers and veterans alike face extra hurdles to accessing the care they need to recover from the sacrifices they made on behalf of our country.

Despite these barriers, local leaders at the Wounded Warrior Project have led the way. Over the past year they have hosted 38 events for warriors and family members. This resulted in more than 385 engagements that helped heal, connect, and empower our post 9–11 veterans living in Puerto Rico. This past weekend they served their community again by holding an expo this Saturday that educated veterans on VA benefits, employment opportunities, and healthcare access. I want to thank the local peer support leaders and national staff who made this happen and who continue their selfless service to country and community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 16, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today during the solemn occasion of National Police Week to recognize the law enforcement officers across our nation who lost their lives in the line of duty. Every day, police officers put on their badges and go into their communities to carry out their mission to protect and serve. Tragically, some do not return to their families at the end of the day.

This year, the names of 619 officers have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.—including four from Ohio. They are Toledo Police Officer Brandon Stalker, Cleveland Police Officer Shane Bartek, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Donald Gilreath, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore.

Their legacies will live on in the hearts of all Americans and at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C. We are perpetually indebted to them for

their service, courage, and patriotism. Today and always, let us honor their memories and hold their loved ones close in our hearts and prayers.

HONORING THE 2022 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY- BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today it is my great honor to come before my colleagues to recognize the distinguished young men and women of Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies. I congratulate these patriots as they prepare to undertake a mission of service and wish them great success as they meet the challenges set before them.

The United States Service Academies are widely known for seeking out candidates who excel academically, athletically, and civically, while exhibiting outstanding leadership qualities. Only a select few meet the stringent criteria set forth by these renowned institutions, and those students who ultimately receive an appointment benefit from the highest caliber of education and military officer training in the world. Therefore, I am confident these young leaders will represent Texas' Third Congressional District with honor as they are refined by the fire and pushed to the limits while they train to lead our Nation.

The years will come with challenges as they are equipped with the necessary tools to defend our democracy. But in the end, these young men and women will carry forth the same torch as countless generations before them have done—embodying the qualities of service before self, sacrifice, purpose and a life lived on mission.

It is with gratitude and hope that I thank these young men and women for their courage, conviction, and commitment to America. Now, as they embark on a new mission of service, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to excellence and their defense of liberty.

CLASS OF 2026 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Samuel Adler, Townview Science and Engineering*

Nicholas Blessing, Allen High School
Sara Compton, Rock Hill High School
Zion Martey, Memorial High School*
Ryan Rojas, Rock Hill High School
Samuel Wenaas, Liberty High School
Robert "Reese" Woertink, Plano East Senior High School; University of Texas at Dallas

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Xavier Ayala, Centennial High School
Matteo Bianchi, McKinney Boyd High School; Naval Academy Preparatory School
Tanner Call, McKinney High School*

Alyssa Clemovitz, Trinity Christian Academy

Valerie "Milan" Dao, John Paul II High School

Jonah Johnson, Lebanon Trail High School; Naval Academy Preparatory School

Samuel Morgan, St. Mark's School of Texas; University of Texas at Austin

Clyde Sherpell, Coram Deo Academy

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Benjamin Cox, Independence High School

Julian Delorme, Cistercian Preparatory School

Cole Gifford, Homeschool

Catriona Gilmore, Allen High School

Madeline Graham, Melissa High School, Marion Military Institute Canyon Hall, Wylie High School

Preston Halvorson, Wylie High School

Andrew Ho, Trinity Christian Academy; Texas A&M University

Gikonyo Njendu, Plano West Senior High School

Ethan Reinhardt, Heritage High School

Michael Tallman, John Paul II High School

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Parker Hutchins, Lovejoy High School

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools

SUMMER SHADE 150TH

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the small town of Summer Shade, Kentucky in Metcalfe County.

Home to just a few hundred people in the southwestern corner of Metcalfe County, Summer Shade is known for its strong sense of community spirit. Its unique name is thought to be derived from the large trees that once protected the town from nearby wildlife.

With loyal, hard-working locals and a town full of character and tradition, Summer Shade is a prime example of the values that our state and country stand for.

A rural and close-knit community at heart, Summer Shade is marked by its beautiful land and caring citizens.

As this town commemorates 150 years of establishment, I want to thank the citizens of Summer Shade for their patriotism and community pride. I am honored to represent them in Congress, and fight for the values that we hold dear.

HONORING THE FIRST GRAD- UATING CLASS OF WILLIAMS SCHOLAR ACADEMY

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the first graduating

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class of Williams Scholar Academy in Abbeville, LA—the first public charter school in Vermilion Parish.

Five students have earned their place in the inaugural class. They are:

Tiranni Mechel Henderson
Trinity India Readom
Warkaylar Leona Johnson
RyanDrea Dexeanna Readom
Virtue Sanaa'h Davenport

These five students have worked hard to earn their diplomas. Tiranni, Trinity, Warkaylar, RyanDrea, and Virtue mark the beginning of what I hope is a long list of graduates. They will forever be a part of Williams Scholar Academy history and have set a standard of academic success for future students to follow.

I was honored to participate in the groundbreaking and prayer ceremony for Williams Scholar Academy in March of 2021. We had a beautiful and uplifting gathering. Citizens across the community came together with a shared mission to bring new educational opportunities to South Louisiana. We prayed for the success of the school and the young men and women that would be attending.

Today, we recognize an answered prayer—Williams Scholar Academy's first graduating class.

This is a monumental achievement, but it is only the beginning.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's 3rd District, I recognize Tiranni Mechel Henderson, Trinity India Readom, Warkaylar Leona Johnson, RyanDrea Dexeanna Readom, and Virtue Sanaa'h Davenport on their graduation. I wish each of them great success in their future endeavors, and I pray that Williams Scholar Academy will educate, serve, and graduate students for many years to come.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF REVEREND JESSE TURNER

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pine Bluff native, Reverend Jesse Turner. Reverend Turner is the President of the Pine Bluff Faith Community Coalition Ministerial Alliance and a staunch supporter and leader of the "Pen or Pencil" program, which promotes a national mentoring initiative to reach students in violence-prone areas.

Reverend Turner's program has successfully served young adults whose circumstances have put them at risk for entry into the criminal justice system. Since 2005, the Pen or Pencil program is now in 12 states and 15 locations. It has enhanced and expanded mentoring services for youth to choose the "pencil" for education rather than the "pen" for the penitentiary.

Choosing education and a life committed to good when the community around you is suffering takes great courage, and it takes great leaders. Reverend Turner is such a leader in Pine Bluff, and all who have taken part in his ministry through the Alliance or through Pen or Pencil know that his work makes a difference.

I thank Reverend Turner for the good work he has done for generations of Fourth District Arkansans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and mourn former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. My thoughts and sympathies are with his wife Deni, his children Stuart, David, Mark and Bob, and his family and friends. He was a truly remarkable, trailblazing individual who became one of the most prominent Asian American figures in our country. His legacy included many firsts, and his life was a source of inspiration, a testament to the American spirit of fighting for justice and equality.

I met Norm when I was working for the late, beloved Congressman Ron Dellums. Norm was very kind to me, taught me a lot, listened to my ideas, and was a close friend of Ron's. In many ways, he was a mentor to me. Later, when I became a member of Congress, he always sought me out to tell me how proud he was of me. Such support coming from this giant of a man, always humbled me. I always told him how much he influenced my life, and I was deeply grateful for his friendship.

His success did not come without sacrifice. When Secretary Mineta was ten years old, our government forcibly removed him and his family from their home in San Jose to a World War II Japanese American incarceration camp, the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming. Decades later, he led the passage of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, which granted reparations and a formal apology to Japanese Americans wrongfully incarcerated by our government solely on the basis of race, due to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's issuance of Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942.

Having endured such blatant racism and discrimination against Japanese Americans, he understood the importance of fighting for people who never had a voice in our political process. Throughout his career, he was the first Asian American mayor of San Jose, the first Japanese American member of Congress from the lower 48 states, and the first Asian American Cabinet Member, serving as both the Secretary of Commerce for President Clinton and Secretary of Transportation for President Bush. In 2006, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his achievements.

During his time in Congress, Secretary Mineta co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and its sister organization, the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies (APAICS), to advocate for issues concerning the AAPI community. It is because of his efforts that the Asian American and Pacific Islander community has a greater voice in this chamber. My prayers are with his family, friends, and the AAPI community. We have all lost an icon.

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to continue to honor Secretary Mineta's legacy through our commitment to justice and equality for all.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN LELAND PERRY AND JASON HADFIELD FOR RECEIVING THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Justin Leland Perry and Jason Hadfield for being awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for saving a young girl from drowning. Their heroic actions cannot be overstated, and our community is indebted to their laudable efforts.

Originally created by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was implemented to recognize selfless and heroic acts from citizens across the U.S. and Canada. The medal's inspiration dates back to 1904 during the Harwick Mine tragedy where 181 lives were lost. Two victims of the disaster sacrificed themselves to save others which inspired Carnegie to create the fund. Since then, more than 10,000 awardees have been honored, with more than \$40 million given in grants, scholarships, death benefits, and other assistance. There is no doubt that Justin and Jason are deserving of this honor.

On July 25, 2020, in Honor, Michigan, a young girl was swimming on a floatie in Lake Michigan when suddenly the tether slipped off of her mother's wrist. Instantly, the high winds and strong current pulled the floatie away from shore eventually tipping the girl over in the water. Justin Leland Perry and Jason Hadfield, who were with different groups, sprang into action using a child's life ring and kayak to help bring the victim to shore. Justin and Jason's valiant efforts saved a young life and prevented significant and tragic hardship for a family and community.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Justin Leland Perry and Jason Hadfield for being awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such selfless and heroic citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING COACH BOB "WAGS" WAGNER ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KAIALI' I KAHELE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor University of Hawaii football coach Bob "Wags" Wagner on his 75th birthday.

Coach Bob "Wags" Wagner is a two-time Conference Coach of the Year and led the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors to their first bowl game in 1989, their first Western Athletic Conference (WAC) title in 1992, and he represented the WAC as its Champion in the 1992 Holiday Bowl with a win over Illinois. Coach Wags is the only University of Hawaii head football coach to have beaten rival BYU on multiple occasions in 1989, 1990 and the